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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Foreign Broadcast Information Service

Through : Chief, Operations Group

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I. GENERAL

A. The Bureau Chief and Embassy Administrative Officer have signed a local housing agreement which guarantees Bureau personnel occupancy rights to the five Government-owned houses (or their equivalent) recently transferred to State Department FBO control. The agreement states that if the Housing Board assigns one of these houses to a non-FBIS person, State Department will provide similar alternative housing.

B. Major construction work was completed on the remodeling of the kitchen in the deputy chief's house. Some finishing work remains, but the changes have greatly improved the utility of the kitchen and have increased the value of the property.

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C. In an awards ceremony attended by all Bureau personnel on 9 June, Embassy Charge D'affaires Gerald Scott presented promotion certificates to Bureau section chiefs [redacted] and [redacted] monitor [redacted] and teletypists [redacted] and [redacted] Bureau technician [redacted] received a QSI for his work during the nearly 5 months that the Bureau was without a staff technician.

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II. OPERATIONS

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A. Monitorial/Editorial

1. In a televised statement on 10 June, South African President P.W. Botha announced the renewal of the national state of emergency, which had been in force for 12 months and was due to expire on 12 June. Botha cited the "marked decrease" in violence, but warned of the continued "underlying revolutionary climate" in justifying the move. The RSA Government used the opportunity to modify certain emergency regulations governing detentions and media coverage of unrest that had been successfully challenged in the courts.

2. The 11th anniversary of the Soweto uprising in which 575 people were killed was marked on 16 June by a nation-wide

work boycott by black, which was estimated to be 40 percent effective. There was very little violence following calls by most black groups for peaceful observances. The colored House of Representatives also closed down for the day.

3. U.S.-South African relations were strained early in the month by U.S. accusations of RSA involvement in a commando raid on Maputo in late May and of RSA support for the MNR rebels in Mozambique. RSA Foreign Minister Pik Botha rejected both allegations and asked the U.S. and Mozambican governments to support them with proof.

4. The passage by both houses of Congress of an appropriations bill containing the "Pressler Amendment" banning U.S. aid to southern African countries that fail to condemn "necklacing" was praised by Pik Botha, but Mozambique urged the U.S. to withdraw the amendment.

5. Angola has mounted a diplomatic campaign to improve relations with the U.S. It sent a 5-man delegation to the U.S. for talks and later announced its decision to release an American pilot held since his private plane strayed into Angolan airspace in April. Angolan President Dos Santos told the Congressional delegation that received the pilot that he was ready for official diplomatic ties with the U.S. but not at the expense of Cuban troop support against the UNITA rebels.

6. The civil war in Mozambique spread to neighboring Zimbabwe in June as MNR rebels crossed the border to launch attacks on military and civilian targets in Zimbabwe. The Mozambican rebels claimed the attacks were in retaliation for Zimbabwe's military support for the Mozambican Government and vowed to include economic targets in future attacks.

#### B. Lateral Services/Cruising

1. U.S. Embassy officials expressed their appreciation to the Bureau for alerts to an unexpected visit to Swaziland by RSA Foreign Minister Pik Botha, an attack on Swazi miners by RSA border policemen, and the shooting of an RSA businessman at a Swaziland-Mozambique border post.

2. An article in the TIMES OF ZAMBIA filed on 11 June reported that the PANA news agency was in danger of collapse because only five of its 40 member countries paid their contribution regularly.

#### C. Technical

After several days of exhaustive tests, newly arrived engineer  solved the power fluctuation problems that

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had plagued the Bureau for several months by replacing a faulty phase failure relay in the emergency generator automatic transfer switch. The local electricity board also replaced the main cable supplying power to the Bureau, which was found to be undersized and deteriorating.

### III. ADMINISTRATION

#### A. Personnel

1. Afrikan-languages monitor [ ] and Portuguese-language monitor [ ] handed in their resignations effective 1 August 1987. Recruiting efforts are now under way to fill these two vacancies, and several promising candidates have been identified to fill one of the positions.

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2. Staff engineer [ ] and his wife arrived PCS on 9 June 1987.

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#### IV. VISITS

ELAAD Africa Branch Chief [ ] visited the Bureau on 30 June as part of her Africa familiarization TDY. She observed editorial desk operations and spent time with the Portuguese monitors.

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Chief, Swaziland Bureau

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